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Job Title: Group Manager, Nestle Nutrition Procurement

Employer: Nestle

Degrees awarded: Plastics Engineering Technology (A.A.S. and B.S.)

How would you describe your current position? I am the Purchasing Department head for procuring all food ingredients, packaging materials, and indirect services for Nestle Nutrition Infant Meals.

How has your education supported you in your job thus far? My education taught me how to learn. I may not currently be in the Plastics field, but the foundation of learning that I gained at Ferris helped me to be interested in learning, becoming a life-long learner, and being resourceful, and motivated to consider new and interesting twists and turns in my career.

How was the job search process? I've been in the corporate world for 29 years so my initial job search was a long time ago, but I always pay attention to new career opportunities within Nestle and perpetual learning opportunities to advance my career. My experience and advice is to always be open, available, and interested in learning. Identify what you like and what you may not like and use this to consider enhancing your current role as well as considering growth in other areas.

What do you see as your biggest challenge? Having enough time is always the greatest challenge. There is so much to do, so much to learn, so much to experience --- and so little time!

What is your favorite Ferris memory? My plastic professors were wonderful. I appreciated their interest in the subject matter as well as the genuine concern for the students.

What do you do in your spare time? I play guitar, I am a motorcyclist, I enjoy woodworking, and I enjoy long hikes.

What advice would you give to current students? Show up, pay attention, be present, do your best – *always*.